

# **Rochester Sports Foundation Board**

## **Meeting Minutes (8-27-24)**

The meeting was called to order by Chris Terry at 12:02 PM. Board members Terry, Carole Shulman, Becca Tesch and Chad Behnken and were present with Doug Holtan present via phone. Pat Sexton, Kelly Nowicki and Joe Powers were absent. RSF staff Ed Hruska was also present.

The July RSF minutes were reviewed by the board. Shulman moved to approve, Behnken seconded and they passed. Hruska reviewed the August SOA reports. Tesch moved, Shulman seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Hruska reviewed the Directors Report and updated the group on some web site improvements he and Shulman had discussed with their web providers as well as the past social media activity. He reported the IRS filing of the 990 has been completed with Smith-Schafer and updated the group on the World Games – which Rochester Sports was awarded as a host site as a pre-tournament site.

The group discussed the Grant Program and that the deadline for applications is September 1<sup>st</sup> – no applications have been received to date. Tesch shared that she believes an application could be coming for some accessories needed at the Rec Center hockey locker rooms. She also mentioned there has been discussion about a floor taping machine that is needed for putting down temporary lines at the Volleyball Center when they host basketball tournaments. Hruska shared a proposal to allocate grant checks to various community groups. These items will all be further discussed at the September meeting.

The recent meeting held with the RSF Board members and the main people involved with the new sports complex planning and management (OVG and Sports Academy) was discussed. Behnken mentioned he felt the representatives from Sports Academy were impressive and noted that they really seemed to be interested in our feedback on the facility planning and noted she seemed very interested in our impression on the various sites. Holtan added he was impressed with their answers to the questions he was there to listen to and that he agrees that bringing them on at this point was a great move by the City for this project. Behnken also noted that our information of IRG seemed to surprise them a bit and that he hoped they would engage IRG more in the discussions – Terry agreed. Tesch asked if OVG had looked into outside investors that may want to come to the table. Behnken felt that IRG might want to stay engaged in the project to complement their other development of the area. Hruska added that it was clear we have their ear and hoped that we could be involved in sharing our thoughts before they complete their study and that the group seemed excited and really plugged in to the project.

Terry reviewed the City action to roll out the RFP for design services and felt the list of potential partners was quite thorough. Terry noted that the window for potential partners to respond was fairly short – 3 to 4 weeks with approval of the contract for Architect being 10/7/24 – which is not that far away.

Hruska noted that in addition to this meeting he is involved with the City/OVG/Sports Academy scheduled bi-weekly update meetings. Shulman added that she felt it was very valuable to have Hruska involved in these bi-weekly updates to keep us involved in updated on the progress.

The group reviewed the web site content plan with the group. The consensus was supportive of the plans. Terry suggested we consider re-posting interesting sports- related articles to our site.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM

**Next meeting date: Thursday, September 26th, 2024 at Noon**